

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optical disc comprising:
2 optical information written onto the optical disc, said information being readable by
3 an optical source and an associated optical detector, the optical information including
4 contents and a table of contents, wherein
5 a portion of the table of contents is damaged, making the optical information not
6 readable by the optical detector, wherein significant portion of the contents ~~is are~~
7 ~~significantly~~ undamaged.
- 1 2. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc of claim 1, wherein the damaged portion is a hole.
- 1 3. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc of claim 2, wherein the hole extends in the range of 3
2 micrometers to 10 millimeters radially.
- 1 4. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc of claim 3, wherein the hole extends 5 millimeters radially.
- 1 5. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc of claim 2, wherein the hole is circular in shape.
- 1 6. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc of claim 2, wherein the hole extends at 1.33 micrometer
2 circumferentially.
- 1 7. (WITHDRAWN) An apparatus for rendering a portion of a table of contents of an
2 optical disc unreadable, the apparatus comprising:
3 a feeder for feeding and supporting the optical disc;

4 a hold mechanism disposed on the feeder for holding the optical disc in the feeder
 5 after the optical disc has been fed into the feeder; and
 6 a damaging mechanism facing the optical disc for damaging a portion of the table
 7 of contents of the optical disc, wherein
 8 the damaging mechanism is disposed such that the damaging mechanism damages the
 9 optical disc in a pre-defined location and the damaged portion renders the optical disc
 10 unreadable.

1 8. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism is a
 2 punch for punching out the portion of the table of contents.

1 9. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism is a drill
 2 for drilling out the portion of the table of contents.

1 10. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism is a
 2 laser source for physically removing the portion of the table of contents by laser ablation.

1 11. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism is a
 2 piercing mechanism for piercing through the portion of the table of contents by laser
 3 ablation.

1 12. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism distorts
 2 the portion of the table of contents by heat.

1 13. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the damaging mechanism is a
 2 torch.

1 14. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaging mechanism faces
2 the optical disc at an angle other than 90 degrees.

1 15. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the damaged portion of the table
2 of contents extends in the range of 3 micrometers to 10 millimeters radially.

1 16. (WITHDRAWN) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the damaged portion of the table
2 of contents extends 5 millimeters radially.

1 17. (WITHDRAWN) A method for processing an optical disc having optical information
2 written on the disc, the method comprising the steps of:
3 receiving an optical disc having optical information written thereon including
4 contents, a table of contents and other information including an identifier of the disc;
5 comparing the disc identifier with a reference to determine if there is a match, and
6 if there is no match, rendering a portion of the table of contents unreadable but
7 without significantly damaging the contents.

1 18. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 17, wherein the rendering step physically
2 removes the portion of the table of contents.

1 19. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 17, wherein the unreadable portion of the table
2 of contents extends in the range of 3 micrometers to 10 millimeters radially.

1 20. (WITHDRAWN) The method of claim 19, wherein the unreadable portion of the table
2 of contents extends 5 millimeters radially.